IT BEATS ME

By Jim Tang

All-star teams may not mean too much but the Western Hockey League, which is usually the league to experiment with something new, could well pick up the method of selection now being used in the National Hockey League. There, selectors pick all-star teams in mid-season and again at the end of the season. Total points from the two votes decide the official all-star team for the season.

The system makes sense. It not only produces considerable extra hockey publicity but it is the fairest way, giving the fellow who plays well in the first half of the season a chance to compete with the fellow who puts on a spurt near the wire which influences those given the job of making selections.

In any event, the method of selection in the WHL this season leaves something to be desired. Selectors will have their ballots within two weeks so that they can do their voting well in advance of the second annual all-star game, to be played March 3 in Vancouver.

This season, players leading the poll at each position in the voting for the all-star game will be officially recognized as a member of the divisional all-star clubs. Inasmuch as many, if not all, of the votes will be cast at least six weeks before the end of the season it increases the chances of a deserving player not winning the recognition he earned with outstanding play in the latter part of the season. And while fans may not be too interested in the make-up of an all-star club, selection is a great honor and, more to the point, a fine argument when contract times comes around for the player.

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Now that the subject has been brought up, a Western Division all-star ballot poses more problems than usual this season. Only Guyle Fielder stands out above the rest at his position and it's likely that votes will be split among more players than is ordinarily the case.

Take goal, for instance. Bruce Gamble, the Vancouver rookie, has seven shutouts and leads in the goals-per-game averages but would you take him over Emile Francis, Marcel Pelletier or Bev Bentley this season? Gamble is playing behind a defensively-minded club yet he has shown definite inconsistency and his game average is 3.07, only fair.

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Some observers claim that Francis has been the best in this division, that he is the biggest reason why Spokane Spokes have proven surprisingly hard to beat. But Francis has been charged with four goals a game. Bentley's case is hard to figure. He has the advantage of playing for the team which has led the division from the start but then the Totems are an offensively-minded club, and that makes a difference to a goalkeeper.

Pelletier, who lost out last season to Bentley in the all-star yote but led his division with a 2.43 average and a record-tying eight shutouts, hasn't quite been his old self in recent games. But a return to form for the balance of the season would re-establish him as the best on the coast at his position. Who to choose?

On defence, New Westminster's Ron Matthews will probably be a cinch selection. After him you can choose between several with little to choose between them—Brent Macnab, steady Hugh Currie and Wally Chevrier, fast-improving rookie of the Canucks; Tom Williams, an old hand who has been a big help to Spokane, Pete Wright of the Royals or Jim Hay of the Cougars, who certainly deserves consideration.

Fielder's closest rival at centre is probably Max Mekilok of Spokane. After those two, Gordie Haworth of the Cougars, rookie Ted Hampson of the Canucks, Del Topoll of Spokane, Art Jones of the Royals or?

For leftwingers, it could be close between Val Fonteyne of Seattle or our Al Nicholson. But Gordie Fashoway could spurt to 35 or 40 goals, Ching Johnson has 28 and should wind up with 40 and Hugh Barlow has 47 points, 22 of them goals.

And it seems the same at right-wing. Rugged Pat Hannigan of the Royals has 24 goals and 26 assists but Danny Belisle of the Canucks, George Ford of the Cougars and Al Johnson of the Spokes have been doing right well. It would be difficult enough to make a good selection at the end of the season but picking the WHL all-stars early is bound to be an injustice in some cases.

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Selectors will pick for one division only but a glance at Prairie clubs certainly indicates that Ed Dorohoy, the ex-Cougar who is responding so well to big crowds and new surroundings that he appears to be leading Calgary's rookie-studded Stampeders to a championship, will again be an all-star this season.

And it will be against tough competition from such as teammate Sid Finney, Gerry Melnyk and rookie Murray Oliver of Edmonton and the comebacking Barry Ross of Winnipeg.

Veteran Lou Jankowski, who has been piling up goals since being put on a line with Dorohoy, will get a stiff argument from Winnipeg-rookie Gerry Brisson for the left-wing spot. For right-wing, it should be between veterans Bill Mosienko and Jackie McLeod, Ray Kinasewich and Ron Leopold, a rookie who is the other fellow cashing in on Dorohoy's playmaking.

Veterans Hugh Coflin, Bud MacPherson, Fred Hucul and Bob Chrystal and a fine group of youngsters headed by Dave Amadio make defence selections in the Eastern Division as tough as they are here, but for a different reason. Rookie Roy Edwards of Calgary has the edge in goal but Al Rollins will play half the schedule for Winnipeg and if the voting was done at the end of the season might have won the nod by a margin.

Toughest decision of all for Prairie selectors will be the rookie award. They'll have to decide between Oliver, Brisson, Edwards, Amadio, Leopold and a half-dozen other sparkling first-year men.

It all adds up to one thing. If the biggest problem confronting a fellow next month is to make a sensible all-star vote he shouldn't be worrying now.

His Buck Brought Him Luck

Winner of the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association's deer hunting competition, Glen Twells, right, who bagged a 162-pound buck, accepts the trophy from Rich Williams, representing the McIlwaine Van and Storage Company, donors of the trophy. Watching the presentation is Gil Post, newly-elected president of the association. (Photo by Boucher.)

Ed Dorohoy, Guyle Fielder Point-Happy

Ed Dorohoy, who lost ground in big gobs during the five previous seasons to challenger Guyle Fielder, is battling back this season to hold his position as the leading point-getter in Western Hockey League history. And it's quite a battle the two slick playmakers are having.

Dorohoy, who spent the greater portion of his professional hockey career in Victoria and is now at Calgary, seemed to have things sewn up until Fielder decided the West Coast is where he would play his hockey.

It wasn't that Dorohoy slipped, but Fielder has been so prolific in the past five seasons that he actually picked up 103 points on Dorohoy during that span, although Dorohoy averaged 77 points a season. In the past five seasons, Fielder scored 121 goals and was credited with 366 assists for the amazing average of more than 95 points a season. Dorohoy had 142 goals and 242 assists.

Starting this season, Dorohoy had 665 points (239-426) from 572 WHL games and his closest competitor was Bobby Love, who retired last season, with 620 points. Fielder was next with 562 point (146-416) from 399 games, and he started this season as if he meant to make up the difference in short order.

But Dorohoy, responding to a new setting and the huge crowds he has helped bring into the Stampede Corral, started to make up ground a month ago and is hot on the trail of a new league record with one or more points from his last 17 games. He is three points behind Fielder, 64-67, for games played so far this season but has played three fewer games than Fielder.

So, as of this morning, Dorohoy's record shows 257 goals and 472 assists — 729 points—from 608 games, while Fielder has 159 goals and 470 assists—629 points—from 439 games.

PASSES LOVE

Fielder has passed Love in total points to rank next to Dorohoy and the Seattle centre should end up ahead in assists by the end of the season. Dorohoy, however, has had more success in putting the puck into the net and is still safely in front by 100 points. He'll be 30 in March while Fielder turned 28 last November.

In any event, it should be a real battle, barring injury, for the scoring championship this season. Fielder is after his fourth, and his third in a row, while Dorohoy is seeking his second.

In eight full seasons, Dorohoy has finished first once, second once, third twice, fourth twice and eighth once.

It's only natural, then, that they are making it a two-way fight this season. Players with 30 or more points:

	Pen	G	A	Pts
Fielder, Seattle	14	13	54	67
Dorohoy, Calgary	23	18	46	64
Mekilok, Spokane	20	23	30	53
Brisson, Winnipeg	12	23	29	52
E. Johnson, Spokane	16	28	22	50
Hannigan, N.W.	61	26	24	50
Nicholson, Victoria	44	18	32	50
Jankowski, Calgary	6	24	23	47
Barlow, N.W.	16	22	25	47
Mosienko, Winnipeg	27	20	27	46
Melnyk, Edmonton	8	20	25	45
A. Johnson, Spokane	16	18	27	45
Fonteyne, Seattle	2	18	26	44
Belisle, Vancouver	26	19	23	42
Jones, N.W.	18	14	28	42
Haworth, Victoria	20	13	29	42
Balluk, Victoria	43	22	19	41
Oliver, Edmonton	20	21	19	40
Ross, Winnipeg	26	19	21	40
Masnick, Saskatoon	23	12	28	40
Topoll, Spokane	27	12	28	40
Boyce, Spokane	8	10	30	40
MacFarland, Seattle	19	18	20	38
Kinasewich, Edmonton	36	12	25	37
Chiupka, Seattle	37	18	17	36
Hampson, Vancouver	8	14	22	36
McNab, N.W.	3	14	22	36
Finney, Calgary	9	19	16	35
Bell, Spokane	9	16	19	35
Fashoway, N.W.	6	22	11	33
Leopold, Calgary	14	15	18	33
Burton, Seattle	48	14	19	33
McLeod, J., Saskatoon	36	18	15	33
Ford, Victoria	32	19	12	31
Robinson, Saskatoon	6	12	19	31
Filion, Seattle	3	12	19	31
Brunel, Winnipeg	11	11	20	31
Kapusta, Winnipeg	8	10	21	31
COUGAR SCORING				
Sellizzi	10	8	18	26
Macauley	2	9	14	23
Anderson	6	7	15	22
Hay	62	3	14	17
Lea	27	6	8	14
Blackburn	13	7	6	13
Kaiser	34	1	11	12
Wilson	0	8	2	10
McLeod, D.	66	2	7	9
Harris	40	3	6	9
Forhan	0	0	0	0

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Protest Made By Sportsmen Over Grants

Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association passed a resolution protesting any reduction in the provincial grant to the fish and game branch of the Department of Recreation and Conservation last night at its annual meeting.

With a big increase in the sale of hunting licences, members felt that the profit shown by the fish and game branch would be close to 20 per cent more than the $189,130 taken in last year. The membership went on record as unanimously opposing the fish and game branch's share of this revenue being reduced.

The meeting also expressed concern over the lack of access to rivers and lakes in B.C. and passed a resolution asking the government to provide access to all fishing and hunting areas in the province.

NEW PRESIDENT

Gill Post was elected president of the association. Other officers elected include: Cliff Bate, vice-president; Jim Mowbray, secretary-treasurer; Dick Creech, recording secretary.

Elected to the executive were Joe Garner, H. Zaccarelli, T. Zaccarelli, J. Payne, R. Wherry, Carl Carlson, Bud Bond, Bill Pearsall, J. Pynn, Alec Onischuk, C. Hamilton, Bill Dingley and Jim Goodman.

Guest speakers were Don Robinson, regional game biologist, Dave Hurn, regional fish biologist, and Ted Barsby of Nanaimo, president of the B.C. Federation of Fish and Game Clubs.

Glen Twell won the association's silver button and club trophy for the largest deer with his 162-pound buck.

Bronze medals were awarded to V. Pallister, T. Zaccarelli, W. Parker and J. A. Lucas.

Game Problems Numerous

The department of recreation and conservation, in its first report to the legislature since its formation, said Thursday it had problems.

The department listed at least nine problems it thought were major in its operation. They were:

1. Pollution of sport fish areas.
2. Prevention of harm to sport fish.
3. The search for more game preserves.
4. Eradication of coarse fish—especially killer fish—and the erection of barriers for that purpose.
5. Predator control.
6. Game damage to fertile areas.
7. Beaver control.
8. Hunting accidents.
9. Public relations. This, says the department, " is the most necessary in any game management program."

MORE VIOLATIONS

The department also listed an increase in Game and Fishing Act violations, but said full and complete figures cannot yet be supplied.

The department said that "unfortunately" there was an increase in hunting accidents, although again no figures were supplied, but said that in each case of an accident the firearms licence of the person responsible was lifted.

Trout hatchery production was doubled from 14,000 pounds to 28,000 pounds last year by the use of new trout feeds and double cropping rearing facilities by the use of both summer and winter spawned trout.

Jordan by TKO

LOS ANGELES (AP) — World welterweight champion Don Jordan scored a third-round technical knockout over Alvaro Gutierrez of Mexico City Thursday night at Olympic Auditorium.

FAN FARE By Walt Ditzen

B.C. Horsemen Reach Goal

VANCOUVER (CP)—Racing officials accepted with delight Thursday the British Columbia government's announcement that it intends to establish a provincial racing commission.

Dr. John Caldwell, president of the B.C. Racing Breeders' Society, summed up general opinion when he said he is "sure everyone must gain by a board such as this and I think it's high time we had one."

The government announcement, made Thursday in the Speech from the Throne in the legislature by Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross, said only that the commission would be established.

But Ken McConnell, Vancouver racing writer, said the commission will be made up of four members and a secretary and will function on the same basic laws that govern the Ontario horse racing commission, the only other commission in Canada.

NO CERTAINTY

McConnell said there is no certainty that the commission will operate this year, but "every horse player in B.C. will endorse a commission."

"It means horse racing is now big business, the same as in New York, Florida and California where racing commissions have played a prominent part in the promotion of the sport."

Among those who expressed approval of the proposal were Jack Diamond, president of the B.C. Turf Association, Bill Randall, representing the Ascot Jockey Club, Bill Lochead, president of the B.C. division of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, and Earle E. Lewis, presiding steward at Lansdowne Park Race Course.

The Ascot Club operates the fall meeting at Sandowne Park.

McConnell said one of the most important steps that may be taken by the commission will centre around the pari-mutuel tax. It will also sort out disputes between courses over racing dates.

"At present the B.C. government receives $1,250,000 from racing in B.C.," he said.

BIG "TAKEOUT"

"The takeout tax for B.C. racing is 21½ per cent. This is made up of nine per cent to the tracks; 12 per cent to the provincial government and half of one per cent to the federal government . . .

"Before the commission was organized in Ontario, the same takeout, dates and purse schedule disputes were heard. But the provincial government was convinced finally of lowering the takeout to 15½ per cent."

Hockey Scores

QUEBEC LEAGUE
Quebec 2, Chicoutimi 3
Montreal 0, Trois-Rivieres 4.

ONTARIO SENIOR
Sault St. Marie 6, North Bay 8.

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
Nelson 2, Trail 1.

MANITOBA JUNIOR
St. Boniface 5, Winnipeg Ms 3.

THUNDER BAY JUNIOR
Port William Hs 4, Port William Os 4.

ONTARIO JUNIOR
Toronto St. Michael's 3, Hamilton 2.
Toronto Marlboros 3, Peterborough 6.

Chile Tournament At Boiling Point

SANTIAGO, Chile — Things aren't exactly chilly down here in Chile. Russian and Bulgarian teams have been threatened with forfeiture of all their victories if they refuse to play Nationalist China in the world basketball tournament currently being held here.

Chilean Basketball Federation, host to the tournament, said it has been advised of the decision by William Jones, secretary-general of the International Basketball Federation.

Chilean officials quoted Jones as saying that the Russians and Bulgarians would not only lose a possible two points from the scheduled games with Nationalist China but would have all other victories in the round-robin tournament taken from them.

Russian and Bulgarian team officials earlier reaffirmed that they will not play the Chinese from Formosa "because they do not represent a nation."

Russia is scheduled to play China Jan. 30 and Bulgaria to meet them the following day.

Chile moved out in front of the field of seven nations in the championship round with its second straight victory, an 83-71 victory over Puerto Rico.

Canada, relegated to the consolation round, was shaded 71-69 by United Arab Republic.

In last night's other championship round game, Brazil romped over Nationalist China, 94-76.

United States and Russia, winners of their first games, didn't play Thursday.

Ex-Collegians Tie for Lead

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) —A pair of former college stars, lanky Paul Harney of Worcester, Mass., and Jim Ferree of Winston-Salem, N.C., fired 66s, five strokes under par, late Thursday to take a slender lead in the first round of the $15,000 Thunderbird invitational golf tournament.

Stan Leonard of Vancouver, the only Canadian in the tournament, had a 34-36—70.

West Indies Cinches Test

MADRAS, India (Reuters)—The West Indies cricket team was virtually assured of winning its second test against India by amassing 500 runs in the first innings. India scored 27 runs for the loss of one wicket by the close of play Thursday.

Basil Butcher's 142 runs in five hours 35 minutes was the biggest contribution to the West Indies' total.

Speaking Briefly

Beware, You Buffalo!

Buffalo hunting, on a limited basis, may once again be allowed in Canada.

It is expected that the Northwest Territories Council will give approval to a regulation permitting a kill of one buffalo and setting the licence fee. The council, comprised of five elected and four appointed members, meets Monday in Ottawa.

Approval in principle has already been given to the measure, which applies to buffalo wandering from the boundaries of Wood Buffalo National Park near the Alberta border.

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ALEX OLMEDO of the United States entered the semi-finals of the Australian national tennis championships yesterday by defeating **Ulf Schmidt** of Sweden, 6-4, 9-7, 3-6, 7-5. Australians **Neale Fraser** and **Bob Mark** have also entered the semi-finals, while a quarter-final match between **Barry MacKay** of the U.S. and Australia's **Roy Emerson** will be played today . . . **Sherm Lollar**, who signed for an estimated $32,000, has become the highest paid catcher is the history of the Chicago White Sox . . . **Ingemar Johansson**, Sweden's unbeaten European heavyweight champion, will arrive in New York today to sign for a title bout with world heavyweight champion **Floyd Patterson** . . . **Ron Stover**, a standout end for the University of Oregon, has agreed to play for the Toronto Argonauts of the Big Four.

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TED WILLIAMS, who won his sixth American League batting crown last year, said yesterday that at 40 he isn't shooting for any goals but would like to avoid injuries this season because "that bench drives me bananas." . . . **George Raft's** bid to promote a heavyweight fight in Havana has been turned down by **Jess Losada**, chief of Cuba's National Sports Commission . . . halfback **Tommy Lorino** and end **Jerry Wilson** denied yesterday that they have signed with the Edmonton Eskimos but said they will sign after the baseball season ends. Both intend to play baseball with the Auburn Tigers this spring . . . **A. Gettman** of Coleman Grands of the B.C.-Alberta-Montana intermediate league has been suspended for a year for striking a referee . . . Russian hockey officials have rejected a plan to have the University of Minnesota represent the United States in games scheduled in Moscow next winter because there are no intercollegiate athletics in Russia and there would be little interest in a U.S. college team . . . **Bert Bell**, commissioner of the National Football League, has decided he will look at a pension plan submitted by the players that calls for $100 a month at the age of 65. Previously he had said the plan was not feasible.

Spokane Pros Draw Fewer

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Spokane Spokes, who drew record hockey crowds here last season as a senior amateur club, aren't doing so well at the gate this year as a member of the professional Western Hockey League.

Figures show the Spokes have drawn 69,672 fans for 19 games here this year, an average of 647 per game less than last season when they attracted a record 105,229 for Western International League matches in the Spokane Coliseum.

World Hockey Draw Puts U.S. vs. Russia

MUNICH, Germany, (UPI) — The International Ice Hockey League last night paired the United States with Russia and world champion Canada with host country Czechoslovakia in setting up the preliminary rounds for the world amateur championships March 5-15.

The 12 teams were split into three groups of four for round-robin competition, with the two top teams from each group qualifying for the finals in Prague.

It was called a "draw"—but president John Ahearne of Britain skillfully steered the delegates of the directorate—including Russia's Yury Bazhanov—to agree to a system by which all but five teams were seeded to assure the biggest box office draw.

The preliminary round games will be played March 5-7. The final round will begin at Prague's new 12,000-capacity ice palace March 9.

Teams eliminated in the preliminary rounds will play in a consolation tournament at three towns near Prague—at Kladno, Kolin and Mlada Boleslav — while the other teams compete for the championship.

Sr. Ball Schedules 40 Games

Victoria's Senior Amateur Baseball League, which starts its second year of operation this spring, will play a 40-game schedule.

There will be a league game each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening and a doubleheader each Saturday. Last season, games were played only three days a week.

The schedule will begin May 16 and run through Aug. 15.

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